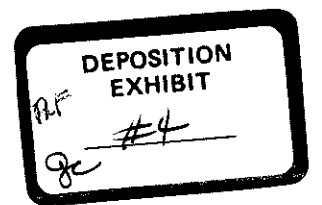


Introduction to Correctional Healthcare



3 Topics to Discuss

- What is the difference between Correctional Healthcare and Community Healthcare?
- How do you reduce risks from healthcare related to law suits?
- How do you lower the healthcare cost?

Why do you go to the
doctor?

The 5 Step Approach to Correctional Healthcare

- Disease - - - Health
- Side Effects - - - - No Side Effects
- Discomfort - - Comfort
- High Cost - - - - - Low Cost
- High Workload - - -Low Workload

Why does the inmate seek medical attention?

- **To get comfortable**
- **To address their perception of illness**
- **To handles anxiety**
- **Wants vs. needs**

What is your doctor's
goal when he sees you
in the office?

What is your responsibility for the standard of healthcare in the correctional setting?

- **Do not let** the inmate's health deteriorate.
- The inmate must be able to **function** within the environment.

The 8th and 14th Amendment (Deliberate indifference)

- Guarantees access to healthcare
- Does not guarantee choice of treatment

Four levels of healthcare in a correctional setting

1. The inmate

2. Nurse

3. Physician

4. Off-site

How to reduce lawsuit risk in the correctional setting

- Take No Medical responsibility
 - Determine Medical Authority
 - Hire a physician trained in correctional medicine
 - Ask for documentation of correctional malpractice insurance from your physician
 - Correctional officers to refer to medical authority
- Policies & Procedures
 - NCCHC standards
 - ACA standards
 - They will be customized to your facility

Line of Authority in Jail

- Site MD vs. Personal MD
- Site MD vs. Sheriff (Jailer)

Chronic illnesses in the correctional setting

1. Diabetes
2. Asthma
3. Seizures
4. Infectious Diseases
 - a. HIV
 - b. Hepatitis
 - c. Staph
5. HTN/CAD

Pregnancy

1. Testing
2. Spontaneous abortion
4 pad rule

Main Causes of Death in Correctional Facilities

1. Suicide
2. Cardiac
3. Asthma

Dentistry

1. Standard of Care
2. Screening of inmates
3. Inmate referrals

Mental Health

1. Behaviors
2. True Mental Illness

Diets

1. Diabetic
2. Pregnancy
3. Food Allergy
4. Religious Diet

Emergency Issues

1. Boxers fractures
2. Seizures
3. Chest pain

Housing Issues

1. Mattresses
2. Pillows
3. Shoes
4. Contact lens
5. Hearing aids
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Open Discussion